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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified case. No fee or certification is required.

PART II: Information Cited

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

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The Applicant hereby makes the following additional information of record in the above-identified application. The Applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending applications that may contain subject matter related to this application:

<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>
09/268,433	March 12, 1999	G. Altshuler
09/277,307	March 26, 1999	R. Anderson et al.
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10/245,825	September 17, 2002	G. Altshuler et al.
10/274,582	October 21, 2002	G. Altshuler et al.

The Applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the enclosed search report from a corresponding International or Foreign National Application.

PART III: Explanation of Non-English Language References and Remarks Concerning Other Information Cited

The following is a concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified):

The following are remarks concerning the other information cited:

AT 400 305 B generally relates to a device for treatment of skin zones.

DE 3837248 A1 generally relates to a device for the treatment of skin changes.

EP 1038505 A2 generally relates to a radiation apparatus for optical thermolysis.

FR 2591902 generally relates to an apparatus for external laser therapy.

RU4954402 (Pub. No. 2122848) generally relates to a reflexotherapy device. An English Abstract is enclosed.

RU94012665 (Pub. No. 2089126) generally relates to a method of treatment of tooth hard tissues by laser radiation and device for its realization. An English Abstract is enclosed.

RU94040344 (Pub. No. 2089127) generally relates to a method of treatment of tooth hard tissues by laser radiation and device for its realization. An English Abstract is enclosed.

RU95102749 (Pub. No. 2096051) generally relates to an apparatus for laser treatment of biological tissues. An English Abstract is enclosed.

RU95105406 (Pub. No. 2082337) generally relates to a tip piece of laser system for treating biological tissue. An English Abstract is enclosed.

WO 96/25979 generally relates to devices for use in the laser treatment of biological tissue and variants thereof. An English Abstract is enclosed.

WO 01/42671 A1 generally relates to a guide rail for a linear bearing. An English Abstract is enclosed.

PART IV: Remarks

Documents cited on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified) are enclosed unless otherwise indicated on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

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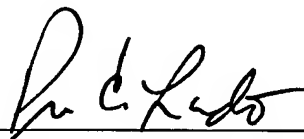
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Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

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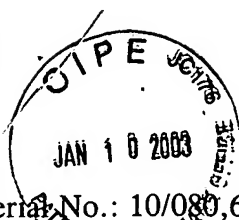
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